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Sir:

Transmitted herewith for filing is a CONTINUATION-IN-PART application of pending Serial number 09/673,257, filed 25 October 2000, which is the national stage of PCT/EP00/06144, filed on 26 June 2000, of Nicholas HUNT for VIRUS LIKE PARTICLES, THEIR PREPARATION AND THEIR USE PREFERABLE IN PHARMACEUTICAL SCREENING AND FUNCTIONAL GENOMICS. The application comprises a 105-page specification, including 118 claims (11 independent) and Abstract and 25 sheets of drawings.

This application is being filed under 37 C.F.R. §1.53 (without Declaration or Filing Fee). The required Declaration and Filing Fee will be filed subsequently. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Should a fee be necessary to obtain a filing date, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any fees set forth in §§1.16, 1.17 or 1.492 during the pendency of this application, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 06-1358. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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